

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

NOTICE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES

The current terms of the office of **Magistrate Judges Valerie K. Couch, Robert E. Bacharach, and Bana Roberts**, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and **Part-Time Magistrate Judge Shon T. Erwin** at Lawton, Oklahoma, are due to expire March 7, 2007, March 28, 2007, June 3, 2007, and May 31, 2007, respectively. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of each of the full-time magistrate judges to a new eight-year term and the reappointment of the part-time magistrate judge to a new four-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following: Conduct a wide range of judicial proceedings to expedite the disposition of the civil and criminal caseload of the district court including (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various case management, pretrial and evidentiary proceedings as delegated by the district judges of this court; (4) dispositions of consent social security proceedings; and (5) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judges should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to:

Merit Magistrate Selection Panel
c/o U.S. District Court Clerk
United States District Courthouse
200 N.W. 4th Street, Room 1210
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

Comments must be received by **September 5, 2006.**